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Applicant : Shimon Sakaguchi

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Serial No. : 09/284,114

Examiner : Janet M. Kerr, Ph.D.

Filed : April 7, 1999

Title : A MOUSE STRAIN WITH NATURAL ONSET OF AUTOIMMUNE
ARTHRITIS

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 01, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due November 01, 2000. Applicant herein submits a petition for a three month extension of time to February 01, 2001, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Rule 132 declaration
- Appendix A

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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